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SUBJECT: CEDDI JAGAN: TRIP TO US AND POSSIBLE SUGAR STRIKE

1. PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) LEADER DR. CHEDDI JAGAN
INFORMED CONSUL ON MARCH 29 THAT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT
TO THE US (APRIL 6-30), HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS
AT HIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU)
AND VASSAR COLLEGE. HIS SPEECHES ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE WITH
REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN GUYANA. WHEN CONSUL
COMMENTED THAT GUYANA HAD A GOOD INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, JAGAN REPLIED THAT THE PPP WAS CONCERNED OVER
DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE IN GUYANA. HOWEVER, JAGAN ONLY
MENTIONED THE RAMPERSAUD TRIAL AS AN EXAMPLE OF GOG ACTION
AGAINST THE RIGHTS OF GUYANESE CITIZENS.

2. JAGAN DID NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING
SUBSTANCE OF HIS LECTURES AT FSU AND VASSAR. HE WILL
PROBABLY ACCUSE GOG OF VARIOUS VIOLATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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RANGING FROM 1973 ELECTION FRAUD TO OTHER GOG ACTIVITIES
PERCEIVED BY PPP TO BE UNDERCUTTING THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS
AND ACTIVITIES.

3. THE EFFORTS OF JAGAN AND THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A PNC/PPP NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT
REPORTEDLY BROKE DOWN ABOUT A MONTH AGO. JAGAN HAS RECENTLY

TRAVELLED IN THE INTERIOR TO TOUCH BASE WITH REGIONAL LEADERS
AND HIS PARTY'S CONSTITUENCY AND HAS TESTED HIS STRENGTH BY
CALLING LOCAL ONE-DAY STRIKES AT VARIOUS SUGAR ESTATES.
RUMORS ARE THAT JAGAN HAS PLANNED FOR MAJOR SUGAR STRIKE
TO START AFTER HE LEAVES GUYANA NEXT WEEK AND WHEN SUGAR
HARVEST ATTAINS PEAK PERIOD. GOG OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY
NERVOUS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE, AS A MAJOR SUGAR
STRIKE NOW WOULD REDUCE A POOR SUGAR YIELD TO ONE DISASTROUS
FOR THE ECONOMY.

4. JAGAN ALSO INTENDS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AT UN LIBRARY
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND VISIT HIS SON WHO IS ATTENDING HOWARD
UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DETAILS OF TRIP HAVE BEEN
FORWARDED TO INS AND WAIVER HAS BEEN GRANTED.
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